

# CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# CITY HIGHLIGHTS

# Attend the City of San Marino's Annual Fourth of July Celebration

he community is invited to attend the City's annual Fourth of July event on Saturday, July 4 at Lacy Park. The celebration will include food booths, a fun zone, a community parade, entertainment and a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

The Virginia Road entrance to Lacy Park will open at 7 a.m. No one will be allowed to enter via St. Albans Road until 3 p.m. Guests may reserve areas using blankets and chairs; no stakes or ropes will be permitted.

All guests must have a wristband to enter the park. Pre-sale wristbands will be available to San Marino residents for \$5 each. Proof of residency is required and residents must present an identification card with their address or a utility bill. Pre-sale wristbands will be available for non-residents for \$15 each. Children ages 2 years and under are free.

Wristbands can be purchased Monday, June 22 through Friday, July 3 at the locations listed below.

• Mon.—Thurs. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
 Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and
 Sun., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wristbands purchased on Satur-

day, July 4 are \$20 each. Children 2 years and under are free. For more information, call (626) 943-2627.

The Rotary Club of San Marino will present its Annual Fourth of July Parade. Young children on decorated bikes accompanied by an adult are invited to participate. Bikes parade in a special section at the front and no registration is needed. Bands are also welcome. If you would like to drive a vehicle in the parade, registration is required. For information, call (626) 440-1959.

Look for the next newsletter in the Recreation Guide.

# Fourth of July Pavilion returns: Wolfgang Puck to cater

an Marino's Fourth of July Pavilion will return to Lacy Park on Saturday, July 4. The community is invited to participate.

The Pavilion allows guests to enjoy a relaxed and pampered experience within the festivities of Lacy Park. Guests will check-in at the will-call tent at the Virginia Road entrance where they will receive an exclusive wristband that provides access to the park and entry into the exclusive Pavilion. The area contains dozens of shade umbrellas and is enclosed by a white picket

fence. While inside, guests will be treated to a gourmet picnic dinner and dessert prepared by Wolfgang Puck's world famous catering team. Once the sun goes down, so will the umbrellas, providing guests with a premium unobstructed view of the evening's entertainment and fireworks display.

To ensure the maximum comfort of our guests, reservations will be strictly limited to the first 400 guests and no reservations will be accepted after Friday, June 26. Refunds are no longer being given.

The cost is \$70 for adults and lesser amounts for younger guests. All prices include the \$5 City wristband fee. Water and sodas are complimentary. Beer and wine are available for a nominal additional charge. No outside coolers or beverages will be allowed. The Pavilion will open promptly at 5 p.m. A reservation form has been included as part of this newsletter.

The Pavilion is organized by the San Marino City Club with the cooperation and assistance of the City

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### City of San Marino addresses drought crisis in California

he state is facing one of the most severe droughts after a winter of record-low rainfall and snow, decreased water levels in reservoirs and reduced water flows in the state's rivers and underground basins.

On January 17, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown declared a State of Emergency. On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown directed the Water Resource Control Board to prepare for water shortages and impose water restrictions on the States' water supply agencies. The restrictions require local governments to prohibit irrigation of turf on public street medians and irrigation outside of newly constructed homes and buildings. The direction also calls for replacement of lawns with drought tolerant landscapes and a limited-time appliance rebate program, among other directives.

California American Water provides service to the cities of San Marino, Bradbury and Duarte and portions of El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City, as well as unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County and the Baldwin Hills area. The required water reduction for the City of San Marino/grouping of cities is 28%. The City is currently facing stage 2 water restric-



Site of proposed demonstration garden in front of City Hall.



The City plans to place water conservation signage on center medians in San Marino.

tions and may ultimately face stage 3 water restrictions, which would impose significant surcharges for residential users if the system does not meet its 28% reduction.

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At its July 25, 2014 meeting, the City Council approved the four regulations identified by the State Water Resource Control Board as mandatory requirements. These mandatory restrictions include:

1) washing down driveways and sidewalks; 2) watering of outdoor landscapes that cause excess runoff; 3) using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; and 4) using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

The City's recent efforts include a center median turf removal project and a demonstration garden in front of City Hall. The City has also stopped watering the center medians along Huntington Drive and Sierra Madre Boulevard. The City may remove turf and reirrigate and install drought tolerant landscaping on the center medians along Huntington Drive and Sierra Madre Boulevard. The City has applied for the SoCal Water Smart Turf Removal Rebate Program through the Metropolitan Water

District (MWD), which awards up to \$2 per square foot of turf removal to address the drought and also reduce long-term maintenance needs, cost and water usage.

The demonstration garden in front of City Hall is sponsored by California American Water. The garden will showcase drought-tolerant landscapes as an alternative to ornamental turf. The long-term benefits of low maintenance drought tolerant landscaping in place of the existing high maintenance turf is a sustainable approach in this drought-prone environment.

Below are the included in Chapter 14, Article 16.04 of the City's Water Conservation and Water Supply Program and Regulations Ordinance:

- 1. Limits on Watering Hours:

  Watering restrictions

  except by use of a handheld
  bucket or similar container, a
  handheld hose that is fitted with
  a shut-off nozzle. Please see the
  water schedule being proposed to City
  Council in June:
- B. <u>Limits on Watering Duration:</u>
  Watering restrictions for  $\square$

low flow drip irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than 2 gallons of water per hour and weather-based controllers or (Continued on page 3)

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# **Drought crisis**

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- C. No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff: Watering or irrigating that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining street, alley, gutter or ditch is prohibited.
- D. No Washing Down Hard or

  Paved Surfaces such as sidewalks,
  walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys,
  except when alleviating safety or
  sanitary hazards, and by use of a
  handheld bucket, handheld hose
  or low-volume, high-pressure
  water broom.
- E. Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions: Excessive use, loss or escape of water in the water user's plumbing or distribution system should be discovered and corrected in no more than 7 days of receiving notice from the City.
- F. Recirculating Water of Water
  Fountains and Decorative Water
  Features: Water fountains or
  other decorative water features
  that do not use recirculated water are prohibited.
- G. <u>Limits on Washing Vehicles:</u>
  Using water to wash or clean a vehicle is prohibited, except by use of a handheld bucket or similar container or a handheld hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shutoff nozzle or device.

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- H. <u>Drinking Water Served Upon</u>
  <u>Request Only:</u> Eating or drinking establishments are prohibited from providing drinking water to any person unless expressly requested.
- I. <u>Single Pass Cooling Systems</u>: Installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited in buildings requesting new water service.
- J. Restaurant Use: Food preparation establishments, such as restaurants or cafes, are required to use water conserving dish wash spray valves. (Ord. 0-09-1219, 12-9-2009).

- \*Violation of these restrictions is subject to fines. Revenues received will be used towards water conservation efforts.
- \*Stay informed on any new water conservation measures, ordinances and efforts by visiting the City's website at cityofsanmarino.org.

The City challenges residents to look at their monthly water bill and take the initiative to cut back water consumption by 28% or more.

There are several options and alternatives to reducing indoor and out-

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#### City Council

Eugene Sun, Mayor Dr. Allan Yung, Vice Mayor Dennis Kneier, Councilmember Dr. Richard Sun, Councilmember Richard Ward, Councilmember John Schaefer, City Manager

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door water consumption (see table on back page). The City encourages residents to partake in this city-wide water conservation effort and take advantage of special rebates and incentives available to residents.

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Check your sprinkler system valves for leaks and keep the

- sprinkler heads in good shape.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. This can help you discover leaks.
- Adjust your watering schedule to match seasonal weather conditions and landscape requirements.
- Cover pools and spas to avoid evaporation.
- Consider replacing infrequently used lawn areas with low-water use plants or ground covers.

- Consider installing an automatic rain shutoff device on your sprinkler system.
- Take your car to a car wash that recycles water. If you wash it yourself, use a bucket and sponge and rinse sparingly.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours when temperatures are cooler.

Learn to care for trees during the drought by staying informed on the following:

- 1. What symptoms to look for in trees during severe drought
- 2. How to water your tree
- 3. Amount of water needed and methods to use
- 4. How to add mulch around trees
  The City encourages residents to
  modify existing parkways to install
  drought-tolerant landscapes to
  reduce water consumption. To learn
  more about the City's conservation
  efforts, installation of droughttolerant landscapes and how to
  care for trees during drought, visit
  cityofsanmarino.org or contact Environmental Services Manager Ron
  Serven at (626) 300-0789. ■
- What You Can Do How Much You \$ave

  Adjust irrigation times with the seasons \* 250 gal/cycle

  Adjust sprinklers to avoid unnecessary overspray 500 gallons/month

  Replace spray head nozzles with rotator nozzles \$ 1,200 gal/yr/nozzle

  Replace part of your lawn with low water plants 1,000–1,800 gal/mo.

  Put 2-4 inches of mulch around bushes and shrubs 20-30 gal/dy/1,000 sf

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What You Can Do	How Much You Save		
Fix leaky faucets and toilets	20-50 gal/day/fixture		
Run only full loads in clothes and dish washers	300-800 gal/month		
Keep showers to less than 10 minutes	700 gallons/month		
Replace old toilet with an efficient toilet(1.28 gallon or less) \$	3-4 gallons/flush		
Replace clothes washer with a water efficient one \$	20-30 gallons/load		
Replace old showerhead with lower flow head (1.5 gal/min)	_,1.000s of gal/month		

\$Rebate Information: socalwatersmart.com \*Watering Information: bewaterwise.com/calculator.html